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TAKE NOTE

RIF notices delayed

Because of higher priority issues being worked by the Air Staff, approval to issue Reduction In Force notices, March 13, will have to be delayed, until March 20.

For more information, call Evelyn Kidwell at 643-5845.

Utility outages scheduled

The following buildings will experience a disruption in **water service** Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bldgs. 240 and 251; **Gas service** Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Capehart Housing Arapaho Way, Bldgs. 5000, 5001, 5024, 5025, 5026, 5051 and 5093; Capehart Housing Mono Way, 5003, 5004, 5012, 5027, 5028, 5040, 5041, 5042, 5054, 5055, 5056 and 5068; **Electrical service** March 12 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bldgs. 680, 687, 698, 707, 708, 724, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768 and EM pump. The scheduled utility outage or disruption may be postponed due to weather conditions.

For more information, contact Jim McCarthy, 77th Support Group, Civil Engineering at 643-5715.

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"Completing the mission of McClellan Air Force Base with professionalism and honor"

CLSS garners command awards

Story and photo by Alica Doyle

Public Affairs

Air Force Materiel Command recently honored two members of the 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron for their outstanding contributions to the Air Force mission.

1999 Supply Superintendent of the Year

Master Sgt. Bernhard Linne, superintendent of the Supply and Transportation Flight, directed 12 rapid area distribution support taskings, totaling 22,000 personnel hours worldwide. During Operation Allied Force, he effectively built and dispatched two logistics support teams with less than 14 hours notice.

Linne's efforts during 1999 also directly enhanced humanitarian relief for 20,000 refugees in Albania. The team was credited with effectively supporting no less than 28 units during Operation Shining Hope.

Additionally, at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Linne's team provided real-time status to the United States Air Forces Europe Director of Logistics on the movement of 14,300 troops and 53,000 tons of cargo.

According to Lt. Gen. Charles R. Holland, USAFE vice commander, Linne's team accomplished the best intransit visibility the United States military has ever had on a major deployment.

1999 Senior Supply Technician of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Duane D. Smith, who currently serves under Linne as the noncommissioned officer in charge of the Rapid Area Distribution Support teams, was recognized for his outstanding technical skill and initiative while performing AFMC directed logistical taskings worldwide.

He led a team to Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, in support of the 1999 Reception, Staging, Onward Movement, and Integration Exercise. Smith's efforts at Osan validated the



Master Sgt. Bernhard Linne, 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, inspects items in a mobility bag.

importance of logistics in an Expeditionary Air Force environment.

During a massive consolidation of supply and transportation functions at the 82nd Logistics Squadron, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, Smith's efforts contributed to an ultimate savings of more than \$40,000 in contractor costs.

Locally, Smith was praised for coordinating the efforts of 29 supply technicians from five different units, including the Air Force Reserve, in a critical inventory project for the directorate of Defense Distribution at McClellan.

Lt. Col. John Dufresne, 652nd CLSS commander commented on the awards, "Master Sgt. Linne and Tech. Sgt. Smith have been outstanding performers."

"Even though the squadron will be shutting its doors in a few short months, both of them have set some pretty high standards of performance and are role models for others to follow."

Linne and Smith will compete at the Air Force level later this year.

Improper use of IMPAC card proves negative

By **Col. Michael F. Turner**, Inspector General
and **John Garman**, Fraud Waste and Abuse Monitor

The International Merchant Purchasing Authorization Card was created to provide a quicker, more efficient way for purchasing needed government supplies. While glancing through the "Early Bird," I came across a couple of articles that described some serious cases of misusing the cards and what occurred to some card holders who didn't stop to think what the repercussions would be if they abused their card privileges and authority.

At one military installation, investigations conducted by the inspector general uncovered improper and illegal purchases, poor record-keeping, and purchases that could not be accounted for. Apparently, thousands of dollars were spent on artwork, questionable items, meals and trips.

One military member, a master sergeant, fraudulently spent tax dollars at a local motel, bought a new transmission for his car and Valentine's Day flowers for his mother, and went on shopping sprees at Victoria's Secret and many other stores. He made almost \$30,000 in personal, illegal purchases before being detected after a 4-month spending spree. As a result of his poor judgment, his 21-year military career ended, and he was reduced four pay grades in rank.

The sergeant said his troubles began during a trip to buy office supplies. "It called for paper clips, a tape dispenser and 10 pens," he said. "And I picked up 11 pens. One thing led to two things. It may have been a dollar. Then it led to \$5 and it led to \$10. Then it was up to a \$100 and nobody had ever even noticed. The stuff that is purchased on a day-to-day basis by the military, for whatever the reason, doesn't get looked at that hard. Unit commanders have so much other work to keep up with, they don't make enough time to properly oversee credit-card purchasing practices. They are too busy to pay it the attention it warrants."

When military officials began to suspect him, he said he could see his life changing. The people he was in charge of, many of whom he had mentored from their rank as E-1 and E-2, now passed him with their heads turned away. "They put their head down and walk past you as though they don't know you," he said. "That rips your heart out." He said he blames himself and no one else. Of all the people he feels he failed – his family, his friends, himself – failing his commander hurt the most, he said. "I violated the utmost principle. I blew it. And everything I received, I deserved."

The former owner of a military surplus and repair store is serving a 41-month sentence in federal prison for running a scam with military members to steal money from the government. He used their IMPAC cards to create a phony paper trail for items the government never received. The government is unsure exactly how much this person got from the IMPAC system. A judge ordered him to pay \$53,805 in restitution and a \$20,000 fine.

***"The program at
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be healthy and well
managed."***

-Col. Michael F. Turner

The IMPAC program, for the most part, is effective and working well in saving taxpayer dollars; however, it only takes a few instances of misuse or abuse to give it a bad name. Two inspector general office reports showed the program in other locations had problems keeping track of receipts, property bought with the cards, and illegal or unauthorized purchases. The program at McClellan appears to be healthy and well

managed. Individual card holders, supervisors, contracting and financial specialists, and commanders can stay on top of it by administering effective training, closely scrutinizing purchases, and taking swift and decisive corrective action when the need arises.

As we to get closer to base closure, we need to continue to properly monitor our IMPAC usage. **We must stay vigilant and immediately report any known or suspicious card activity to the proper authorities.** In addition, as the base population gets smaller, commanders should consolidate purchasing authority and decrease the number of individuals issued cards. Keeping the integrity of this important management tool will benefit us all.

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respected air and space force ... global power
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*"Completing the mission of McClellan AFB
with professionalism and honor"*

Logistics group preps McClellanites for closure

By Jennifer Vargas

Public Affairs

Members of the 77th Air Base Wing Logistics Group Supply Closure Office are performing site visits to various base agencies, in conjunction with the closure of McClellan, beginning Monday.

The site visits, according to Larry Holt, 77th ABW/LGSC packaging specialist, are being conducted to determine the packaging and transportation needs of various office supplies, such as computers, to other locations.

The LGSC members will team up with previously-appointed personnel to perform the on-site inspections.

"The site surveys are being conducted so we can take a look at the items that need to be shipped," explained Holt. "Once we determine each office's needs, we can establish when and where things are to be moved, set our staffing and supply levels, and arrange for dates and times to accommodate the moves."

For offices that would like to begin pack-

aging supplies for shipment, LGSC members can provide the "how to's," according to Mike Miller, 77th ABW/LGSC packaging specialist.

"We want people to know that we're here to help," said Miller. "We can give them advice on preparation for final packaging, deliver packaging materials and pick up items once they're ready."

Organizations and their site visit dates are as follows:

- Aircraft Management Directorate; Monday – March 9
- Civil Air Patrol; March 14 – 16
- Combat Logistics Support Squadron; March 20 – 23
- Space and C3 Management Directorate; March 27 – April 6
- Engineering Installation Squadron; April 10 – 12
- Defense Automated Printing Service; April 13
- Directorate of Contracting; April 17 – 20
- Air Combat Command Liaison Office; April 24

- Air Force Audit Agency; May 1
- Safety Office; May 2
- Public Affairs; May 2
- General Accounting Office; May 3
- Environmental Management Directorate; May 4
- Base Closure Directorate; May 8
- Personnel Directorate; May 9
- Inspector General; May 10
- Composite Program Office; May 11
- Command Section; May 15
- Financial Management Directorate; May 16
- Staff Judge Advocate; May 17
- Manpower Office; May 17
- 77th Support Group (includes commander's office, civil engineering, services, security forces, communications and the 77th Mission Support Squadron); May 22 – June 1
- 77th Medical Group; June 5 – 7
- 77th Air Base Wing Commander; June 8
- 77th Air Base Wing Logistics Group; June 12- 14

For more information, call the 77th ABW/LGSC at 643-2047/2034.

Service demographics offer snapshot of Air Force

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force Personnel Center here has published its quarterly report on the active-duty populace.

The report offers a snapshot of the service's active-duty employees, providing a more descriptive look at the service.

The latest version covers Oct. 1 through Dec. 31. More statistical information about the Air Force is available under the center's analysis page in the personnel statistics area. Visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil

ACTIVE-DUTY DEMOGRAPHICS

- Approximately 352,536 individuals are on active duty; 68,920 officers and 283,616 enlisted
- The Air Force has 12,583 pilots, 5,022 navigators and 33,284 non-rated line officers in the grades of lieutenant colonel and below

AGE

- The average age of the officer force is 35; for the enlisted force it's 29
- 35 percent are below the age of 26
- 41 percent of enlisted versus 12 percent officer

GENDER

- 18 percent of the force are women; 17 percent of the officers and 19 percent of the enlisted

- 53 percent of the female officers are line officers; 47 percent are non-line
- 84 percent of the male officers are line officers; 16 percent are non-line
- The population of women has increased from 33,000 (5.4 percent) in 1975 to 65,167
- Women first began entering pilot training in 1976, fighter pilot training in July 1993 and navigator training in 1977
- Currently there are 364 (3 percent) female pilots and 131 (3 percent) female navigators

ETHNIC GROUP

- Racial minority representation has risen from 14 percent in 1975 to 25 percent
- 75 percent are Caucasian, 16 percent Black, 5 percent Hispanic, and 5 percent other
- Officers: 86 percent Caucasian, 6 percent Black, 2 percent Hispanic, and 6 percent other
- Enlisted: 72 percent Caucasian, 18 percent Black, 5 percent Hispanic, and 4 percent other

MARITAL STATUS

- 63 percent of the current force are married; 74 percent of the officers and 61 percent of the enlisted

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NEWS BRIEFS

February graduates

Airman 1st Class Justin M. Hornback and Airman 1st Class Lee A. Chase, 938th Engineering Installation Squadron, have done an exceptional job scoring above 90 percent on their Career Development Course exam. These airmen will receive recognition during their squadron's commander's call. The Army Air Force and Exchange Service has donated two theater passes and the services division donated a round of golf.

Society of Military Widows meet

The Society of Military Widows, Sacramento Chapter #5, membership and business meeting will be held Saturday, 1 p.m. at the Chapel Annex classroom. For more information, call Edna Brown at 422-0891.

Ladies Rally at Chapel Annex Saturday

McClellan's Protestant Women of the Chapel are hosting a Ladies Rally, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Chapel Annex, Bldg. 1420.

The guest speaker is Allegra McBirney, noted author, speaker and national radio personality. Her program, "A Time for Sharing," is heard across America.

Lunch will be provided by the Chapel. It will be a lady's day of fellowship, food and fun. The event is open to all base personnel. For more information, call Margaret Hair at 726-6945 or Beverly Gilcrease at 331-6019.

Shoppette changes hours

Effective March 11, the hours of the Capehart Shoppette will be: Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nutrition Information Booth

The McClellan Health and Wellness Center will have a Nutrition Booth March 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Commissary and March 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Base Exchange. HAWC personnel will answer questions and provide nutritional information and handouts.

CGOC Spring golf fling

Come out and play in the Company Grade Officer Council's Golf Spring Fling. The tournament is set for March 24 with an 11 a.m. shotgun start at Lawrence Links Golf Course. The CGOs are coming up with some "interesting" rules on a few holes. For instance, a hole where the worst instead of the best ball is played, and another where each team member can use only one club. The Eagles will be operating the drink carts. Additionally, there will be fabulous prizes.

The cost per team is \$30 plus green fees. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Andrew Meek at 643-5132 or e-mail at andrew.meek@mccllellan.af.mil.

Tax assistance available

To assist military members, retirees and dependents with filing tax returns, the McClellan Air Force Base legal office set up a tax center. The center, located in Bldg. 250HH, second floor, will be open Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., and Wednesdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. For more information, call 643-3315 or 643-3317.

NCOA election night

The Central Valley and Spirit of Sacramento Auxiliary Chapters of the Noncommissioned Officers Association will be supporting Primary Election '00 by volunteering at the Voter's Registration Facility off Bradshaw Road Tuesday from 8 p.m. to midnight. Transportation will be provided.

Most volunteers will be tasked with unloading the ballot boxes as they arrive from the voting locations while others will be validating the ballots themselves for readability.

To volunteer or for more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Jim Sullivan at 643-6808.

NCOA meeting

The Central Valley Chapter of the Noncommissioned Officers Association will conduct their monthly general membership meeting Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. at Flashbacks. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a guest.

Details for the upcoming election night volunteer effort and the Muscular Dystrophy Muscle Walk will be finalized. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Jim Sullivan at 643-6808.

NCOA scholarship deadline approaches

The Noncommissioned Officers Association annually awards 35 scholarship grants to children and spouses of NCOA members.

The NCOA offers 18 academic and four vocational awards to children of members; nine academic and one vocational award to spouses of members at \$900 each. Three special grants, at \$1,000 each, are awarded each year - the Mary Barraco Scholarship presented to the student submitting the best essay on Americanism, the William T. Green Scholarship presented to the student with the best high school academic record, and the NCOA and Pentagon Federal Credit Union Grant.

Most of the grants are renewable each year with approval from the scholarship committee. Each has specific requirements for submission. The deadline for submission is March 31.

For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Jim Sullivan at 643-6808 or Master Sgt. Gary Chase at 643-6259.

Bazaar donations being accepted

The Spirit of Sacramento Noncommissioned Officers Association Auxiliary is hosting their fourth annual bazaar to raise funds for the Disaster Relief Fund and other base and community activities. The bazaar will be held June 3 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the North Highlands Community Center parking lot, 6040 Watt Ave., North Highlands.

Donations of clothing, shoes, games, exercise and sports equipment, furniture, appliances, knic-knacks, dishes, tools and more are now being accepted.

For more information or to arrange for pickup or drop-off, call Tammy Sullivan at 568-4123, Chief Master Sgt. Jim Sullivan at 643-6808 or send an e-mail to JSULLIVAN99@prodigy.net. All donations are greatly appreciated.

McClellan ships last KC-135 workload

■ Professionalism ensures quality through the years

Story and photos by Jim Reeves

Public Affairs

In April the Aircraft Management Directorate, Sacramento Air Logistics Center, will ship the last of McClellan's KC-135 workload to PEMCO Aeroplex Corporation in Birmingham, Ala. This action will bring an on going KC-135 Stratotanker restoration project, which began at McClellan Air Force Base in the early 1990's, to an end.

"We currently have three airplanes left," said Robert Schmitt, aircraft division chief. "Two are scheduled to be completed and sent in March and one in April. We have to provide PEMCO some notification so they can work the planes into their production schedule. This could effect the actual date the aircraft leave McClellan."

McClellan is in the process of restoring the final three KC-135's on base. The restoration process on these airplanes takes one to two years and more than 30,000 man-hours to accomplish. This process includes a virtual disassembly and reassembly of all systems, according to Schmitt.

"We have the ability to rebuild or repair any structural component required to ensure a reliable and safe aircraft. Our mission is to produce a structurally sound aircraft; accomplish aircraft upgrades such as replacing aircraft wiring, avionics equipment and interior components, along with a myriad of assorted systems," said Michael Rilje, aircraft scheduling branch chief.



This KC-135 Stratotanker is in the preliminary stage of reassembly before being turned over to PEMCO Aeroplex Corporation.

There are some structural requirements that need to be addressed. Program Depot Maintenance mandates the aircraft be disassembled to insure that all of the primary structural components can be inspected. Also, all aircraft systems have undergone a thorough check before the aircraft is returned to service. This also includes a functional check flight by an Air Force flight crew, explained Schmitt.

The primary purpose for doing a KC-135 PDM is to perform a corrosion inspection. In order to do that a great deal of the aircraft has to be taken apart, according to Schmitt.

"Not only do you have to take visual inspections, you need to do 'nondestructive testing,' as well. All the other repair items that occur come from corrosion inspections, what we call 'hardbroke items,' that consist of primary and secondary structural repairs; beams, skins, and other sheet metal components," said Schmitt. "These items are considered safety of flight items. A lot of repair is required because they do plan on operating this airplane for another 20 years," he added.

Normally, an aircraft can be "cannibalized" for required parts, while ordering replacement parts for a rebuild on the cannibalized unit. This would allow for more flexibility.

"This is an advantage that we simply do not have at this time," said Gary Hampton, director of the aircraft management directorate.

"We have to order and receive parts from the supply system on a demand basis. Even though we need to get that last airplane out of the door, safety and quality are the highest priority, said Hampton.

"Our job is to increase the safety and reliability of every aircraft that we overhaul."

Base closure has presented the Aircraft Management Directorate with some unique challenges to face in the coming months.

Directorate personnel, at all levels, have shown a strong amount of professionalism with their effort to insure that the last planes to leave McClellan are as well prepared as the first.



Peter Davis, an aircraft sheet metal mechanic, installs the "inboard aileron attachment." Ailerons control the rolling movements of the KC-135 Stratotanker airplane.

Housing allowance hike begins, retro-relief sought

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense began paying certain service members higher basic housing allowances. Officials plan to ask Congress to authorize a retroactive hike to Jan. 1. Pentagon officials announced Feb. 22 that service members moving into areas where 2000 housing allowance rates were set lower than 1999 rates would be paid at the higher 1999 rate. Members already living in such areas were grandfathered, but newcomers received 2000 rates.

“This action will result in greater equity among all people assigned to the same duty location and will also allow the department to pause and examine how we survey and determine the average cost of housing,” Defense Secretary William S. Cohen said in a written release. “It is extremely important that in every area, nationwide, we are providing an allowance which allows our

men and women to live in quality housing.”

The disparity in rates occurred because DoD changed the way it computed housing rates in response to a 1997 law. The new system requires officials to compute the allowance rates based on surveys of what it costs to live in particular communities. The old system depended on service members’ reports of what they paid and worked to the disadvantage of junior enlisted members and to all service members living in high-cost areas, officials said.

Because of the grandfathering, service members of the same grade in the same area could receive different allowances.

In the same request for retroactive relief, officials said, DoD will ask Congress to repeal current legislation that requires service members to absorb at least 15 percent of their housing costs. (AFPN)

FOCUS CENTER

This section contains some of the job announcements available at the McClellan Air Force Base FOCUS Center. For additional information, contact the FOCUS Center, Bldg. 9, at 643-5661. The center is open until 7 p.m. Thursdays.

Position: Secretary Office Automation, GS-318-05

Annc#: FWS1-00-038

Close: March 6

Location: Sacramento, CA

Agency: Fish & Wildlife Service

POC: (503) 231-6136

Remarks: See note.

Position: Program Manager, GS-340-13

Annc#: F0 RMA 075

Close: March 13

Location: Davis, CA

Agency: Dept. of Agriculture

POC: (703) 812-6339

Remarks: See note.

Position: Medical Records Administrative Specialist, GS-669-05/09

Annc#: 9000-23MS

Close: March 6

Location: Sacramento, CA

Agency: Veterans Health Administration

POC: Barbara Nelson (925) 372-2120

Remarks: See note.

Position: Warehouse Examiner, GS-1850-07

Annc#: KCCO-09-X

Close: March 6

Location: Yuba City, CA

Agency: Farm Service Agency

POC: Ranay Brady (816) 926-6118

Remarks: Announcement amended to accept applications from all current federal employees. See note.

Position: Personnel Management Specialist, GS-201-11

Annc#: 99-16

Close: March 8

Location: Fresno, CA

Agency: Veterans Health Administration

POC: Cathy McHarry (559) 225-6100

Remarks: See note.

Non-Federal

Position: Transportation Engineering Technician

Salary: \$2,350 - \$2,857 per month

Close: March 9

Location: Sacramento, CA

Agency: State of California

POC: (916) 227-7858

Remarks: See note.

Position: Treatment Plant Mechanic I

Salary: \$31,836 - \$38,868 per year

Close: March 3

Location: Sacramento, CA

Agency: City of West Sacramento

POC: (916) 373-5800

Remarks: See note.

Position: Computer Services Technician II

Salary: \$2,282 - \$2,774 per month

Close: March 10

Location: Nevada County

Agency: County of Nevada

POC: (530) 265-1225

Remarks: See note.

Position: Computer Services Technician I

Salary: \$2,070 - \$2,516 per month

Close: March 10

Location: Nevada County

Agency: County of Nevada

POC: (530) 265-1225

Remarks: See note.

NOTE

■ Copies of the vacancy announcements are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA's and/or additional information.

CAREER FAIR SET FOR MARCH 11

The 11th annual California Works 2000 career fair is set for March 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the city of Folsom Community Center. More than 60 employers representing various career opportunities will be available to discuss job positions. Employers

will be from area City and County agencies, Federal agencies, State agencies, colleges and universities and private sector companies.

For more information, call the FOCUS center at 643-5661.

Movies



Movies start at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, in Bldg. 1417. Movies are subject to change.

Next Friday - Friday

Starring: Ice Cube, Mike Epps

Craig is still living with his parents in South Central Los Angeles while looking for a job and remembering his moment of glory from four years ago, when he bested the local bully, Debo, during an eventful Friday. Now Debo has escaped after several years behind bars, and he's bent on exacting painful revenge on Craig. (PG - strong language, drug use, and sexual content)

Galaxy Quest - Saturday

Starring: Tim Allen, Sigourney Weaver

The stars of the classic '70s TV series Galaxy Quest are still in costume and making appearances at science fiction conventions for legions of die-hard fans. Some fans are a little farther out than others. (PG - action violence, mild language, and sexual content)

Play it to the Bone - Sunday

Starring: Woody Harrelson, Antonio Banderas

Best friends and boxing rivals, Vince Boudreau and Caesar Dominguez, finally get the chance of a lifetime to work together in Vegas. They hit the road with Grace at the wheel on a circuitous route through the desert. Sparks fly as Vince and Caesar antagonize each other to a frenzy matched only by Grace's own combative temper. (R - brutal ring, strong sexuality, nudity and language)

Youth Center

■ **Today:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-3 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-6 p.m.; advanced gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; Tae Bo aerobics, 6:15-7:15 p.m., ages 11 and up, free. Moms, Pops, and Tots; 10-11 a.m.

■ **Friday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open snack bar 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-6 p.m.; Skate Night, 6:30-8:30 p.m., ages 5-8, members \$2, nonmembers \$4.

■ **Saturday:** Open recreation and snack bar from noon to 5 p.m. Basketball games begin at 10 a.m.

■ **Sunday:** Closed

■ **Monday:** Open recreation, gym and snack bar, 2-6 p.m.

■ **Tuesday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 4:15-6 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-6 p.m.; beginning gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

■ **Wednesday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-5:15 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-6 p.m.; beginning dance lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Credit cards

Consumer tips help guard against fraud

(NAPS)—Three billion dollars. That's how much credit card fraud costs American consumers and businesses each year.

Fortunately, there are things you can do to protect yourself from credit card fraud, accordingly to the Associated Credit Bureaus, the trade association for the credit reporting industry, here are seven steps you can take.

*Never give out your Social Security number over the phone to someone you don't know.

*Always sign your credit cards as soon as you get them.

*Cut up your cancelled or expired credit cards before you throw them out, and call the store or bank to notify them when you cancel an account.

*Don't print your Social Security number on your checks.

*Don't leave the receipt in the bag when you have made a purchase.

*Save your receipts and balance them against your monthly credit card billing statement.

*Destroy anything with your credit card number on it before you throw it away.

*If you are a victim of credit card fraud, report it to the police and contact the credit card issuer immediately.

You should also contact the three major credit card reporting agencies to alert them to the fraudulent use of your card. They have special fraud units established to assist consumers.

They are Equifax (800-525-6285), Transunion (800-680-7289), and Experian (800-301-7195). You can contact the ACB web site at www.acb-credit.com for additional information.

Demographics

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- There are 17,068 military couples
- 1,147 of these are married to members of other services

FAMILY MEMBERS

- Active duty members supported 523,155 dependents
- 430,539 are family members in household

OVERSEAS

- 21 percent of the current force are assigned overseas; 10,216 officers and 64,243 enlisted personnel

TOTAL ACTIVE FEDERAL MILITARY SERVICE

- The average total active federal military service is 11 years for officers and nine for enlisted

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

- 57 percent of the officers have advanced or professional degrees
- 45 percent have a master's, 10 percent have professional degrees, and two percent have doctorates
- 30 percent of company grade officers have advanced degrees; 22 percent have a master's, 8 percent have professional degrees, and 0.3 percent have doctorates
- 91 percent of field grade officers have advanced degrees; 74 percent have a master's, 14 percent have professional degrees, and three percent have doctorates
- 100 percent of the enlisted force have at least

a high school education

- 92 percent have some semester hours towards a college degree
- 14 percent have an associate's degree or equivalent semester hours
- 4 percent have a bachelor's degree
- 0.7 percent have a master's degree

COMPONENT

- 58 percent of the officers have a Regular commission; 62 percent of the line officers have a Regular commission

PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION

- 62 percent of the officers have completed one or more PME courses; as their highest PME, 8,578 have completed at least one Senior Service School, 14,614 have completed an Intermediate Service School, while 19,802 have completed Squadron Officer School

SOURCE OF COMMISSION

- 20 percent of the officers were commissioned through the Air Force Academy, 42 percent through ROTC, and 20 percent through Officer Training School. The remaining 18 percent were commissioned from other sources (direct appointment, etc.)

TERM OF ENLISTMENT

- 35 percent of the enlisted personnel are serving in their first term of enlistment
- 16 percent are on their second and 49 percent are on their third or greater term of enlistment (AFPN)

Women's clinic provides top-notch care

By Robin Jackson

Spacemaker Editor

Women worry no more; McClellan has a top-notch team of health care providers devoted to your health needs.

The Women's Health Clinic co-located here, on the second floor of the McClellan clinic and at Mather Bldg. 801, adjacent to the main hospital, is available to all eligible women with Tricare coverage.

"The clinic itself has been providing care to female military family members from this area for more than five years," said Dr. Scott Gale. "We have a strong collaborative relationship with the David Grant

Medical Center satellite clinic, which remains open after the base closes."

The providers, Dr. Thomas Wold, Dr. Scott Gale, Dr. William Birdsong, Dr. Irving Bloom and Nurse Practitioner Brenda Lee, administer women's health care treatments for women within the Tricare system.

Currently, the clinic is providing care to women throughout the greater Sacramento area.

The clinic provides services such as: routine women's healthcare including annual examinations, mammography and counseling; contraceptive counseling and management; hormone replacement therapy testing, counseling and management; osteoporosis counseling and management; pre-pregnancy and early pregnancy counseling and management; sexual dysfunction counseling; routine healthcare maintenance screening, cholesterol, hypertension, diabetes, thyroid disorders, colon cancer, and referrals for vaccinations or management of medical disorders; infertility evaluation, counseling and management; medical and surgical management of disorders affecting the reproductive organs and bladder, including pelvic pain, menstrual irregularities, fibroid tumors, ovarian cysts and urinary incontinence.

"We are very committed to meeting all the health needs of our patients," said Lee. "I feel our accessibility is quite good. We currently have a direct line to an advise nurse with a 24-hour turn around response time and we assist by making referral appointments when needed, as well as consultations for other specific problems women may be experiencing."

For more information or to make an appointment, call the Tricare office at (800) 242-6788, central appointments at (800) 264-3462, the McClellan Women's Health Clinic at (916) 643-8326 or Mather Women's Health Clinic at (916) 366-5477.



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Brenda M. Lee, nurse practitioner at the Women's Health Clinic here, examines Janita M. Morris, a military family member, during a routine checkup.

SWAP MEET

For sale

Truck -- MUST SELL! 97 Mazda B2300 SE Ext Cab, 5-spd, liner, alarm, warranty, \$9,800. (707) 455-8566 eves.

Car -- 77 Mercedes 450SL, both tops, exc. cond., new interior, \$10,000. Call 923-3807 eves.

Jeep -- 89 silver Jeep Cherokee, 4-WD, AT, \$3,700. Call 489-9301.

Van -- 98 Econo Line 150 Van, fully loaded, exc. cond., warranty. \$29,000 obo. Call 334-6191.

Miscellaneous

Ski suit -- Women's top brand, red and

black full body ski suit with flower designs. New, never used, size 4. Purchased for \$300, selling for \$125. Call 334-1573.

Wanted -- New and gently used infant and toddler boy's clothes. Call 683-1749.

Editor's note: Swap ads are a free, space-available-only service for military members, civil service employees, retirees and associated family members possessing current ID cards. The ads must be for the personal use of the card holder.

Only a home phone or address may be used in the ad; no base extensions or base e-mail addresses are allowed, except for dormitory residents (residential status must be stated on ad). Personal e-mail addresses will be accepted.

Drop off ads at Bldg. 200, room 125. Swap ads will not be published without a signature.

The deadline is noon, Wednesday for possible publication in the following Thursday's issue. Only one Swap ad per household per week, up to 50 words, may be submitted.

However, the ad can apply to more than one category, such as items wanted/trade, vehicles, furniture and yard sales. Spacemaker reserves the right to edit. No ads for money-making businesses, including daycare, or the sale of firearms or firearm accessories will be accepted.

To run a swap ad again, it must be resubmitted. For more information, call the Spacemaker at 643-6100.